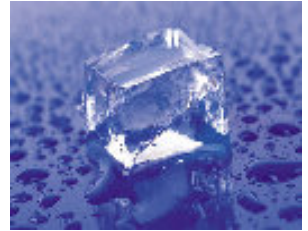


A Parable for Episcopalians and Anglicans

Once there was a molecule of water which was boiling with the sun's energy, moved by the wind, filling the house with warmth. But she was captured, frozen and trapped into a block of ice.



The sun came out. The molecule felt the warming rays but still was trapped. She knew her joy would be to be free. She knew that the light was calling all the ice bound water out. But as she looked up towards the edge of the ice, she was dismayed: other water molecules were flying off above her.

“You’re leaving me!” she grumbled at their backs as they flew away. In anger she stayed while the light continued to shine through the thinning ice above her. Then one day she found herself on the edge. She wanted all the ice bound water molecules around her to come with her into freedom. They wanted her to stay. She held on to them. But the sun’s rays were too winsome. So she let go and flew away.

God desires our transformation and our freedom. His purpose was not for us to be simply transplanted to another venue while remaining frozen and inert. He is warming up one layer of the Church at a time, and, one layer at a time, it is leaving the frozen clime of a denomination sold out to the spirit of the age. Don’t be angry. God has us all on different schedules but with the same goal in mind – freedom to be moved by Him in Jesus Christ.